

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-11 (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A method of previewing a document over a network, the method comprising:

- providing system software for use on a client, wherein the system software allows a user of the client to generate a print file on the client based on the document using a local application;

- obtaining the print file from the client on a server;

- obtaining configuration information for the document on the server, wherein the configuration information defines finishing and binding options for a printed copy of the document;

- generating a preview of a configured copy of the document on the server based on the print file and the configuration information; and

- providing the preview for display at the client.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the providing system software step includes installing at least one print driver for generating the print file on the client.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising:

listing each of the at least one print driver on a list of available printers for the client;

selecting one of the at least one print driver using the local application;

generating the print file using the one of the at least one print driver; and

communicating the print file to the server over the network.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the providing the preview step includes:

generating a configuration user interface on the server, wherein the configuration user interface includes:

a preview area for displaying the configured copy of the document; and

a printing option area for obtaining the configuration information; and

providing the configuration user interface for display at the client.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the obtaining configuration information step includes:

obtaining a style and a printing option for printing the document;

modifying the preview based on the print file, the style and the printing option;

and

providing the modified preview for display at the client.

17. (Currently amended) A method of printing a document over a network, the method comprising:

obtaining a print file on a server, wherein the print file is based on the document;

obtaining configuration information for the document on the server, wherein the configuration information includes at least one printing option for the document and defines how to assemble a printed copy of the document;

printing a plurality of copies of the document based on the print file and the configuration information; and

assembling each of the plurality of copies of the document as defined by the configuration information.

~~obtaining a plurality of delivery addresses on the server;~~

~~obtaining memo information for each of the plurality of delivery addresses, wherein the memo information is customized for a recipient at each of the plurality of delivery addresses;~~

~~printing a customized memo based on the customized memo information for each of the plurality of delivery addresses; and~~

~~delivering at least one of the plurality of copies of the document and the corresponding customized memo to each of the plurality of delivery addresses.~~

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the obtaining configuration information step includes:

generating a preview of a configured copy of the document on the server based on the print file and the configuration information;

generating a configuration user interface on the server, wherein the configuration user interface includes a preview area for displaying the preview and a printing option area for obtaining a printing option;

providing the configuration user interface for display at the client;

obtaining the printing option for printing the document;

modifying the preview based on the print file and the printing option; and

providing the modified preview for display at the client.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising:

installing system software on a client, wherein the system software includes at least one print driver for generating the print file and an upload manager for communicating the print file to the server;

listing each of the at least one print driver on a list of available printers for the client;

selecting one of the at least one print driver using a local application;

generating the print file using the one of the at least one print driver; and

communicating the print file to the server over the network using the upload manager.

20. (Currently amended) A system for previewing a document over a network, the system comprising:

system software that generates a print file on a client based on the document and communicates the print file to a server, wherein the print file can be directly printed by a printer;

means for obtaining the print file from the client and configuration information for the document on the server, wherein the configuration information defines finishing and binding options for a printed copy of the document;

means for generating a preview of a configured copy of the document based on the print file and the configuration information on the server; and

means for providing the preview for display at the client.

21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the system software includes:

a print driver that generates the print file, wherein the print driver is included on a list of available printers for the client; and

an upload manager that communicates the generated print file to the server.

22. (Previously presented) The system of claim 21, further comprising a local application that generates the document, displays the list of available printers and enables a user to select the print driver from the list of available printers.

23. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20, further comprising:

means for generating a configuration user interface on the server, wherein the configuration user interface includes a preview area for displaying the preview and a printing option area for selecting at least one printing option; and

means for providing the configuration user interface for display at the client.

24. (Currently amended) A system for printing a document over a network, the system comprising:

means for obtaining a print file from a client and configuration information for the document on a server, wherein the print file can be directly printed by a printer and the configuration information defines how to assemble a printed copy of the document;

means for generating a preview of a configured copy of the document based on the print file and the configuration information on the server;

means for providing the preview for display at the client;

means for printing a copy of the document using the print file; and

means for assembling the copy ~~based on~~ as defined by the configuration information.

25. (Previously presented) The system of claim 24, further comprising:

means for obtaining a delivery address for the copy; and

means for delivering the copy to the delivery address.

26. (Previously presented) The system of claim 24, further comprising:

means for obtaining payment information for the copy; and

means for processing payment for the copy using the payment information.

27. (Previously presented) The system of claim 24, further comprising:

a print driver that generates the print file, wherein the print driver is included on a list of available printers for the client; and

an upload manager that communicates the print file to the server.

28. (Currently amended) A graphical user interface comprising:

a preview area for displaying a preview of a configured copy of a document, wherein the preview is based on a print file and configuration information for the document, wherein the configuration information includes at least one printing option and defines how to assemble a printed copy of the document;

a navigation area that enables a user to select a portion of the preview displayed in the preview area;

an estimate area for displaying a price estimate for the configured copy, wherein the price estimate is based on the print file and the configuration information; and

a configuration area that enables the user to alter the configuration information, wherein the preview area and the estimate area are automatically updated based on the altered configuration information.

29. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for previewing a document, the program product comprising:

program code for generating a print file on a client based on the document,
wherein the print file can be directly printed by a printer;

program code for communicating the print file to a server;

program code for installing the program code for generating and program code
for communicating on the client, wherein the program code for installing causes an entry
to be added to a list of available printers for the client;

program code for obtaining configuration information for the document, wherein
the configuration information includes at least one print option and defines how to
assemble a printed copy of the document;

program code for generating a preview based on the print file and the
configuration information; and

program code for displaying the preview on the client.

30. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 29, wherein the
program code for installing further installs the program code for obtaining and program
code for generating on the client.

31. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising a computer useable
medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for printing a
document, the program product comprising:

program code for obtaining a print file and configuration information
communicated over a network, wherein the print file is based on the document and the

print file can be directly printed by a printer and the configuration information defines how to assemble a printed copy of the document; and

program code for printing a plurality of copies of the document based on the print file and the configuration information. _[[;]]

~~program code for obtaining a plurality of delivery addresses;~~

~~program code for obtaining memo information for each of the plurality of delivery addresses, wherein the memo information is customized for a recipient at each of the plurality of delivery addresses; and~~

~~program code for printing a customized memo based on the customized memo information for each of the plurality of delivery addresses.~~

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the print file can be directly printed by a printer.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the print file comprises one of: a PostScript file and a Portable Document Format (PDF) file.